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SUBJECT: ESTATE OF GRAYDON HOUGH

REF: LISBON 4888

1. DEPT ASSUMES WILL NOTED REFTEL NAMES EXECUTOR RESIDENT IN PORTUGAL AND THAT WILL IS INTENDED OPERATE LOCALLY. IF SO, CONOFF SHOULD ASSUME NO RPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTATE AS CONOFF HAS NO RPT NO AUTHORITY UNDER 22 USC 1175 OR 22 CFR 72.21 TO TAKE POSSESSION PERSONAL ESTATE AS PROVISIONAL CONSERVATOR IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOWEVER, IF EXECUTOR DOES NOT QUALIFY PROMPTLY, CONOFF MAY HAVE TO TAKE STEPS OUTLINED IN 22 CFR 72.21 TO PROTECT HOUGH'S ESTATE. HOWEVER, AS HOUSE STILL OCCUPIED BY CO-TENANTS CONOFF CANNOT PLACE SEAL ON DOOR AS SUGGESTED IN 72.21.
 2. AS HOUGH APPARENTLY RESIDENT IN PORTUGAL AT TIME OF DEATH, IT APPEARS ADJUDICATION WILL AND/OR DEED MATTER FOR PORTUGUESE COURT. CONOFF PROHIBITED BY REGULATION FROM ACTING AS AGENT, ATTORNEY OR INTERMEDIARY FOR CHARLES HOUGH OR OTHER HEIRS EITHER IN MATTER SELECTION OF PORTUGUESE ATTORNEY OR IN CONTESTING WILL OR DEED.
 3. DEPT WILL PASS CONTENTS REFTEL TO HOUGH AND SUGGEST HE
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RETAIN LOCAL ATTORNEY IF HE WISHES TAKE LEGAL ACTION IN THIS

MATTER. CONOFF REQUESTED SUPPLY NAME AND ADDRESS OF
EXECUTOR NAMED IN WILL TO DEPT AND TO CHARLES HOUGH. KISSINGER

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